

IC 25-15-10

Chapter 10. Courtesy Cards for Funeral Services

IC 25-15-10-1

"Courtesy cards"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "courtesy card" means a special permit issued by the board to funeral directors licensed in states that border Indiana.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

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"Funeral ceremonies"

Sec. 2. As used in this section, "funeral ceremonies" refers to services or rites commemorating the deceased, with the dead human body present, conducted:

- (1) in churches;
- (2) in funeral homes;
- (3) in cemeteries;
- (4) in crematories; or
- (5) elsewhere.

Funeral ceremonies include visitations, funerals, graveside funeral services, and other similar rites or ceremonies.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.13-2013, SEC.68.

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Issuance of courtesy card

Sec. 3. Beginning January 1, 2013, the board shall issue a courtesy card to an individual who is not licensed under this article as a funeral director but who is licensed or certified as a funeral director in one (1) or more states, if all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The individual is licensed as a funeral director in a state that borders Indiana.
- (2) The bordering state issues courtesy cards or similar permits to funeral directors licensed in Indiana.
- (3) The individual completes an application for a courtesy card on a form provided by the board. The application for a courtesy card must include certification, including the seal of the state where the individual is licensed.
- (4) The individual certifies on the application that the individual has reviewed and understands materials prepared by the board for individuals seeking courtesy cards.
- (5) The individual pays the fee established under section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

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Rules

Sec. 4. The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to set the fee for the card. The fee must be sufficient to cover the cost of issuing the card. When establishing the fee, the board must consider the fees charged by states bordering Indiana that issue courtesy cards. Insofar as possible, the fees established must be consistent with the fees of the bordering states that issue courtesy cards.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

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Term

Sec. 5. A courtesy card issued under this chapter is valid for a period consistent with other licenses issued by the board, to be established by the board.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

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Functions

Sec. 6. The holder of a courtesy card issued under this chapter is authorized to undertake the following acts of funeral directing:

(1) Remove and transport unembalmed and embalmed deceased human bodies:

(A) to Indiana from; and

(B) from Indiana to;

the state or states where the courtesy card holder is licensed as a funeral director.

(2) Prepare and complete sections of a death certificate and other disposition permits needed for disposition of deceased human remains, and sign and file death certificates and permits.

(3) Sign and file death certificates and other disposition permits without the assistance of or being under the supervision of a funeral director licensed under this article.

(4) Supervise and conduct funeral ceremonies in Indiana without the assistance of a funeral director licensed under this article.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

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Revocation or suspension

Sec. 7. A courtesy card holder must comply with all laws and rules of Indiana when engaged in any acts of funeral directing in this state. The board may revoke or suspend a courtesy card or subject the courtesy card holder to discipline in accordance with the laws and rules applicable to funeral directors licensed under this article. Any disciplinary measure taken by the board against a courtesy card holder must be reported by the board to the state board or agency that issued the courtesy card holder's funeral director's license or certification.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.

IC 25-15-10-8**Prohibited actions**

Sec. 8. The holder of a courtesy card issued under this chapter is not authorized to undertake the following acts:

- (1) Transfer the courtesy card to another individual.
- (2) Own or operate a funeral home, crematory, or office that provides or offers to sell or arrange funeral or disposition services in Indiana.
- (3) Except as provided in section 6 of this chapter, perform any acts related to the practice of funeral direction in Indiana, including:
 - (A) arranging for a funeral or disposition service with members of the public;
 - (B) being employed by or contracted to perform funeral or embalming service in Indiana by a funeral home licensed under this article;
 - (C) advertising Indiana funeral or disposition services;
 - (D) executing contracts for funeral or disposition services in Indiana;
 - (E) preparing or embalming deceased human remains in Indiana; or
 - (F) exhuming or disinterring human remains in Indiana.

As added by P.L.95-2012, SEC.1.